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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SANTO DOMINGO DATED JUNE 17, 1977
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU:QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 2970

DEPT PASS TO OASGA DEL GRENADA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, OAS, SHUM, DR

SUBJECT: GODR EFFORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT OASGA

REFS: A) GRENADA 0032, B) SANTO DOMINGO 2942, C) SANTO DOMINGO 2948

1. IN VIEW NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY TO AVOID POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY IN
REACHING APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OVER APPROACHING WEEKEND, ALSO TO
EXPEDITE DOMINICAN ACTION IN TIME TO BE HELPFUL TO US EFFORTS AT
GRENADA, AND PERCEIVING NO OBJECTION TO SOLICITING DOMINICAN COOPERA-
TION FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION INDICATED PARA 2 REF A, I CALLED
ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY MARTE DE BARRIOS SHORTLY AFTER RECEIVING
REFTEL AND AFTER NOTIFYING DEPARTMENT (DE FNNTILLANA) OF MY INTENDED
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ACTION. SUBSEQUENTLY, I WAS ABLE TO REACH PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE
SECRETARY BELLO ANDINO AND CALLED ON HIM AS WELL.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH MARTE DE BARRIOS (WHO IS NOT PRIVY TO BELLO'S
APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR REPORTED REF B) I MADE PRESENTATION ALONG
LINES PARA 2 REF A, EMPHASIZING THAT US-DR ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER
DEMOCRATIC STATES IN PASSAGE RESOLUTION OF TYPE PROPOSED WOULD D

CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF US-DR SOLIDARITY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, IN LINE WITH COMMENTS WHICH MARTE AND FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD MADE TO PRESS YESTERDAY (REF C). TAKING UP THIS THOUGHT, SHE WONDERED WHETHER US AND DOMINICAN PROPOSALS MIGHT BE MERGED AND DR JOIN IN SPONSORSHIP OF SUCH RESOLUTION. I SUGGESTED THAT DOMINICAN DELEGATION PURSUE ANY SUCH IDEA WITH US DELEGATION AT GRENADA AND REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF DEMONSTRATING SOLIDARITY OF LIKE-MINDED STATES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. SHE SAID SHE HAD BEEN IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY AT GRENADA AND WOULD TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF INSTRUCTIONS TO DOMINICAN DELEGATION TO COOPERATE AS REQUESTED.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CALL ON BELLO ANDINO THIS EVENING, I MADE APPROACH ALONG LINES PARA 2 REF A, TOLD HIM ABOUT MY CONVERSATION WITH MARTE DE BARRIOS, EMPHASIZED THAT COOPERATION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED WOULD BE CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF US-DR SOLIDARITY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND INDICATED THAT IT WOULD AFFORD OCCASION FOR REMARKS BY US DELEGATION LAUDING DOMINICAN COOPERATION TO ADVANCE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF THREAT OF TERRORISM, FROM ALL QUARTERS, TO RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THIS HEMISPHERE. BELLO NOTED THAT MARTE DE BARRIOS WAS UNAWARE OF HIS APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT AND I REASSURED HIM THAT I HAD MADE NO MENTION OF THIS IN MY PRESENTATION TO HER. BELLO SEEMED TO FAVOR IDEA OF DOMINICAN COOPERATION AS PROPOSED AND SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH PRESIDENT THIS EVENING.

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4. I WILL FOLLOW UP TOMORROW MORNING TO ASCERTAIN PRESIDENT'S REACTION.
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